



United States Department of State

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Sam Richards
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Dear Mr. Richards:

This is in response to your April 29, 2019, request submitted pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State, in which you requested "Any documents, emails, etc. referencing or titled "New Presidential Permit Requirements", and any other records regarding pipeline permitting and approval. The Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) received your FOIA request on May 7, 2019, and assigned it the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request.

Please be advised that a requester must describe the records sought in sufficient detail to enable Department personnel to locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. The more specific the information the requester furnishes, the more likely that Department personnel will be able to locate responsive records if they exist. Your request does not reasonably describe the records sought, and the Department is unable to process the request as submitted.

If you are not satisfied with the Department's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS), U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street N.W., Suite B266, Washington, D.C. 20520-0000, or faxed to (202) 485-1669. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this initial agency decision letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email at FOIAstatus@state.gov or telephone at (202) 261-8484.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with the Department's determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College

Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; facsimile: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

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